

Richland County Mental Health & Recovery Services Board

Meeting Minutes April 20, 2021

Present: Jon Ahles, Monica Durham, Jeff Hite, Kym Lamb, Jennifer Lemon, Cindy Lewis, Christina Thompson, and Dr. Brett Toward.

Excused: Becky Brewster, Sue Bemiller, Sheila Holloway, Ann Mitchell, and Ron Moton

Unexcused:

Staff Present: Joe Trolian, Sherry Branham, and Angie Parker

Guest: Annabelle Coffman

Cindy Lewis called the Teleconference meeting to order at 5:32 P.M.

Roll Call

1. * Approval of March 16th, 2021 meeting minutes – Cindy Lewis

Lewis asked if there was a motion to approve March 16th, 2021 meeting minutes. Thompson motioned to approve, and Lemon seconded. There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously. The motion carried.

2. * Motion to approve expenditures for last half of March and first half of April 2021-Cindy Lewis

Lewis asked if there was a motion to approve expenditures for last half of March and the first half of April 2021. Durham motioned to approve the expenditures and Thompson seconded. There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously. The motion carried.

3. Cash Position November and December 2020 – Sherry Branham

The cash position beginning balance as of February 28th, 2021 was \$5,032,194.49. We added a total revenue of \$245,272.92. Total expenditures for the same period were \$425,969.14. Leaving a fund balance on March 31st, 2021 of \$4,851,498.27. This is a decrease of \$180,696.22.

4. Planning and Education Committee- Christina Thompson

Thompson referred board members to the copy of the minutes in their Board packet for the April 5th meeting of the Planning & Education Committee. Thompson stated the meeting focused on May is Mental Health Month. She asked Sherry Branham to provide details on events that are currently scheduled. Branham provided an extensive list of events that are occurring, and Lamb shared information that she will be working on regarding a media component. Thompson stated that there will be another meeting of the Committee this Thursday the 22nd at 12:00pm.

5. Presidents Report – Cindy Lewis

Lewis gave a brief report encouraging Board Members to pay attention to some of the loosening of restrictions for COVID. In particular, the opening of Nursing Homes for in-person visits and lessening precautions with the school. This could allow for increase contact and decreasing isolation. She also wanted to make Board Members aware, that she has had conversations with a couple of schools, and they are starting to see the stress of this school year really taking a toll on many of the teaching staff. So again, be aware that our friends and families that are teachers may be struggling and may need a little extra support.

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6. Executive Director's Report – Joe Trolian

Trolian reported on the current state of the Biennial Budget. He stated that it will be voted out of the Finance Committee either today or tomorrow and will head the Full House for a week or so of debate and should be heading to the Senate by the end of next week. Our issues regarding language changes have been clarified, but the Data Access is still doing well, but the removal of the 120-day notice is on shaky ground. The Student Wellness and Success dollars have been renamed and repurposed, so the monies we were hoping to have transferred to the 421 line have gone away. However, we have a significant increase in Federal Block Grant funds that should be available for next four years, so that may compensate. He stated that regional funds for crisis and detox are still funded at previous levels so we should be able to maintain regional services for the next 2 years.

Trolian congratulated NAMI on another successful CIT Class. This was class 26 and we have now graduated close to 570 since its inception in 2004.

Trolian reminded Board Members that requests for funding are due back to the Board from the agencies on this Friday, April 23rd at 4:00pm. He stated that he would like to quickly meet the following week with the Planning and Education Committee to review the BH Urgent Care proposals as well as the programmatic aspects of all the applications and put together any questions for the agencies. He would like to meet the first week or so of May with the Finance Committee to discuss the monetary requests and formulate any questions for agencies. The agencies will be able to respond to the questions by the end of May and the joint Planning & Education and Finance Committee will meet the first week in June to draft recommendations for the full Board to vote on at the June Board meeting.

Trolian alerted Board Members that they would be receiving an email in the next day or so with a link to a survey monkey evaluation for him. This is part of his annual evaluation and Members will have until May 7th to complete it.

7. Old Business

None to Report

8. New Business

Lamb requested that as part of May is Mental Health that all Board members send her a picture or statement that he or she refers to in order to stay resilient. She will integrate this into some of the electronic media pieces for May is Mental Health.

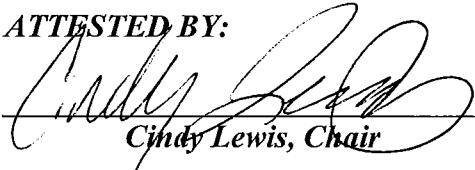
9. Future Agenda Items

None Requested

10. * Adjournment

Lewis called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lamb made the motion and Thompson seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.

ATTESTED BY:


Cindy Lewis, Chair


Jennifer Lemon, Vice chair